

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 5565

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Bellevue, as required and adopted pursuant to the Growth Management Act of 1990, as amended (Chapter 36.70A RCW); adopting 2004 amendments to the Comprehensive Plan deleting the Evergreen Highlands Subarea Plan, transferring those areas remaining in Bellevue within the deleted Subarea Plan to the adjacent Crossroads and Northeast Bellevue Subareas, amending these adjacent Subarea Land Use Maps by adding Office (Crossroads) and Single Family-High (Northeast Bellevue) designations, and amending these adjacent Subarea Plans to include policies with continued relevance.

WHEREAS, the City initiated a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to update reference information deleting the Evergreen Highland Subarea Plan and amending the Crossroads and Northeast Bellevue Subarea Plans to account for this deletion; and

WHEREAS, the Evergreen Highlands Subarea Plan was originally adopted to address the potential impacts to Bellevue of growth in areas of transportation, neighborhood impacts and the natural environment from the City of Redmond's Overlake Advanced Technology Center and the Microsoft campus; and

WHEREAS, the City completed the Bel-Red/Overlake Transportation Study Update (BROTS II) in 1999, which implementation on Bellevue's part had the effect of updating the policies, projects and general assumptions dealing with impacts to Bellevue of growth in the Overlake area; and

WHEREAS, the City has also adopted other policies and regulations dealing with the protection of natural environments citywide; and

WHEREAS, BROTS II and the evolving of the City's regulatory environment have generally replaced the Evergreen Highlands Subarea Plan; and

WHEREAS, while most of the Evergreen Highlands Subarea Plan area is in the City of Redmond, small areas are in Bellevue and these small areas can be added to their adjacent Subareas including Crossroads and Northeast Bellevue Subareas; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan designations unique to the Evergreen Highlands should be replaced for these small areas in Bellevue with conventional Comprehensive Plan designations of EH-D to Office (Crossroads area) and R-5 to SF-H (Northeast Bellevue); and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan policies that were in the Evergreen Highlands Subarea Plan with continued relevance for the Crossroads and Northeast Bellevue Subareas should be moved into those respective subarea plans; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on July 7 and July 21, 2004 with regard to such proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommends that the City Council approve such proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered this amendment concurrently with the other 2004 amendments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue has complied with the requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act and the City Environmental Procedures Code; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Evergreen Highlands Subarea Plan is deleted.

Section 2. The following existing policies are moved from the Evergreen highlands Subarea Plan to amend the Crossroads Subarea Plan, and the existing policies in the Subarea Plan are renumbered accordingly:

POLICY S-CR-36. Limit access to Bellevue-Redmond Road to those points which enhance traffic safety and minimize disruptions to circulation.

POLICY S-CR-37. Transportation improvements to Bellevue-Redmond Road should include measures to prevent direct vehicular access to N.E. 30th Street from Redmond's Advanced Technology Center in Overlake.

POLICY S-CR-38. The design of any connection onto Bellevue-Redmond Road shall be prepared in collaboration with the Sherwood Forest neighborhood. To minimize pass-through trips, any connection onto Bellevue-Redmond Road not otherwise affected by these policies shall be designed and constructed to prevent traffic from entering N.E. 30th Street and flowing to 164th Ave N.E.

POLICY S-CR-50. Keep a permanent greenbelt along Bellevue-Redmond Road in Redmond's Advanced Technology Center.

Section 3: The Crossroads Subarea Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan is amended as shown in the November 22, 2004 City of Bellevue Comprehensive Plan.

Section 4: The following text of the Residential Character of the Subarea and Quality of Supporting Facilities and Services Discussion section of the Northeast Bellevue Subarea Plan is deleted:

The proposed research and office development in the Evergreen Highlands area to the northwest of the Subarea is the potential land use change of most significance in the vicinity of the Subarea.

Section 5: Policy S-NE-13 of the Northeast Bellevue Subarea Plan is amended to read as follows:

POLICY S-NE-13. Utilize effective traffic engineering measures which would discourage through-traffic use of residential streets in the Subarea. When the through traffic traveling on 164th Avenue N.E. and N.E. 30th Street between Bellevue-Redmond Road and N.E. 24th Street reaches 15 percent of the total traffic traveling on those streets, the City of Bellevue will work with the Sherwood Forest Community in the design and construction of a traffic diverter or other mitigating measures to discourage through traffic and will fund up to \$20,000 of its construction.

Section 6: The following existing policies are moved from the Evergreen subarea Plan to amend the Northeast Bellevue Subarea Plan, and the existing policies in the Subarea Plan are renumbered accordingly:

POLICY S-NE-14. Limit access to Bellevue-Redmond Road to those points which enhance traffic safety and minimize disruptions to circulation.

POLICY S-NE-15. Transportation improvements to Bellevue-Redmond Road should include measures to prevent direct vehicular access to N.E. 30th Street from Redmond's Advanced Technology Center in Overlake.

POLICY S-NE-16. The design of any connection onto Bellevue-Redmond Road shall be prepared in collaboration with the Sherwood Forest neighborhood. To minimize pass-through trips, any connection onto Bellevue-Redmond Road not otherwise affected by these policies shall be designed and constructed to prevent traffic from entering N.E. 30th Street and flowing to 164th Ave N.E.

POLICY S-NE-17. Keep a permanent greenbelt along Bellevue-Redmond Road in Redmond's Advanced Technology Center.

Section 7. The following text of the Vehicular Circulation Discussion section of the Northeast Bellevue Subarea Plan is deleted:

In addition, the Evergreen Highlands Subarea policies recommend that the City of Bellevue work with the City of Redmond to resolve traffic and transportation problems in the Overlake/Evergreen Highlands area.

Section 8. The Northeast Bellevue Subarea Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan is amended as shown in the November 22, 2004 City of Bellevue Comprehensive Plan.

Section 9. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its passage and legal publication. This ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan shall be available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

Passed by the City Council this 22nd day of November, 2004, and signed in authentication of its passage this 22nd day of November, 2004.

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Connie B. Marshall
Connie B. Marshall, Mayor

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